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1. From approximately mid-1953, the shortage of seamen has become increasingly acute, with the result that P.Z.M. (Polish Maritime Lines) ships mostly sail without their full complement as laid down in the collective agreement of the Shipping Workers Trade Union (Związek Zawodowy Prawcownikow Zeglugi).
2. Though the P.Z.M. has a reserve of labor, numerous men cannot be called upon, despite the shortage of seamen, due to the opposition on the part of the security authorities. 1
3. The situation on board the M.S. SAN is cited as an example. Her crew should number 18 men, but during her last trip she sailed with only 13; three deck hands, one mechanic and one steward short. [] five of the crew were discharged at Szczecin (Stettin) and replaced by only one deck hand

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- [] the situation is even worse on other ships and [] no improvement could be expected for another three months or so.
4. Polish naval officers will be attached to the merchant marine in October, and [] some KBW (Corps of Internal Security) men will be incorporated into the Polish Merchant Marine on completing their service in October 1953. Their training will last for approximately two or three months, after which they will be recruited for merchant ships.

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